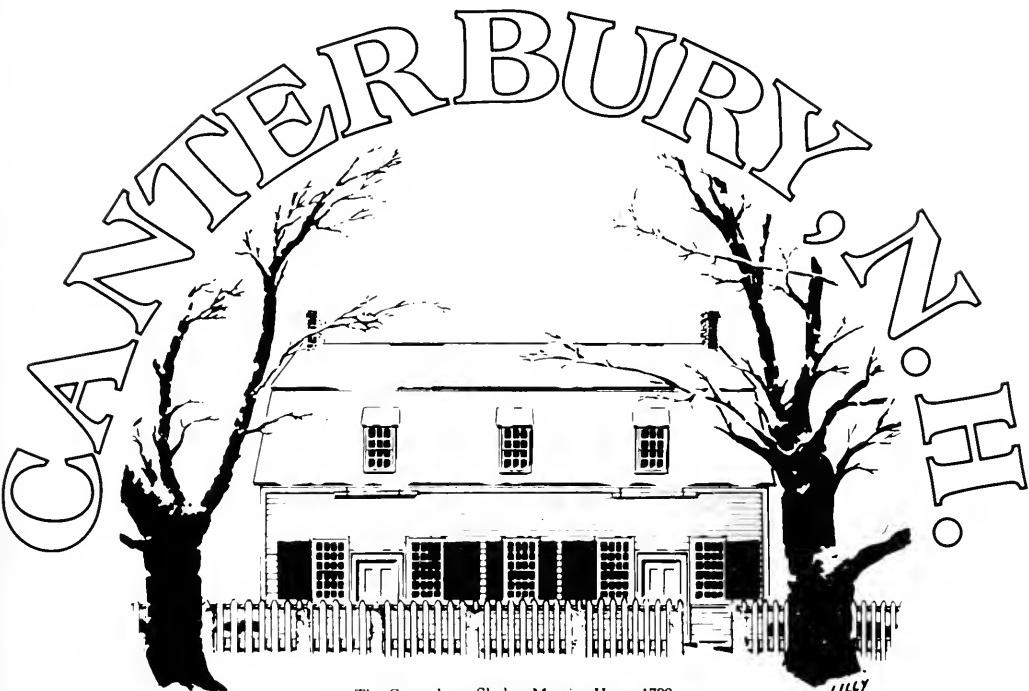




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**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF**



The Canterbury Shaker Meeting House 1792

**HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD**



COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR,  
HEALTH OFFICER, ROAD AGENT,  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS,  
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.



## Dedication

This 1996 Annual Report  
of the Town of Canterbury, New Hampshire  
is dedicated to



HARRY W. HEATH

The Selectmen of the town of Canterbury would like to dedicate the 1996 annual town report to Harry Heath.

Harry has been a resident of our town for many years and has served as our Police Chief for a total of twenty two years. He has always served with pride and professionalism and will be missed.

He always put in the extra effort to help with the Canterbury Fair, Woodchuck Classic and other events in town. His efforts assured the safety of the participants and visitors of these events.

In addition to being Chief he has operated an auto repair shop and is an avid outdoorsman.

Thank you for your service Harry.

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**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**(Elected)**

**Selectmen (3 Yrs.)**

John S. Pratt, Chairman (1997)  
Priscilla Lockwood (1998)  
Frank A. Tupper (1999)

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)**

Cheryl A. Gordon (1998)

**Treasurer (1 Yr.)**

Sewall G. Smith (1997)

**Moderator (2 Yrs.)**

Wayne Mann (1998)

**School Board (3 Yrs.)**

Peter McDonald (1997)  
MaryJo Haney (1998)

**Planning Board (3 Yrs.)**

James Bassett, Chairman (1998)

James Stokes (1998)  
Graham Chynoweth (1997)  
Laurie Rauseo (1997)  
Michael Capone (1999)  
Donna Leonard (1999)

John S. Pratt, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates:

Melissa Dudley (1998)  
Cleve Kapala (1997)  
Jim Snyder (1999)

**Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Virginia Dudley (1998)  
Hugh R. Fifield (1997)  
Charles Dubois (1997)

**Supervisors of Checklist (6 Yrs.)**

MaryAnn Winograd (1998)  
Marcia Scarponi (2000)  
Brenda Murray (2002)

**Library Trustees (3 Yrs.)**

Emily Eddy, Chairperson (1998)  
Karla Roth, Treasurer (1998)  
Elizabeth Kaminski, Secretary (1997)  
Philip Holmes (1999)  
Claudia Leidinger (1999)  
Susan Buchholz (1997)  
Simon Leeming (1997)

**Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)**

Kent Ruesswick, Chairman (1999)  
Nancy Lilly (1997)  
Marcia Scarponi (1998)

**State Representatives**

Robert Lockwood-Canterbury  
Stephen Adams-Pittsfield  
David Larrabee-Loudon  
Roy Maxfield-Loudon

**State Senator**

Amy Patenaude

**TOWN OFFICERS**  
(Appointed)

**Clerk of the Board**

Jean H. Bezanson

**Assistant Clerk of the Board**

Kathryn K. Dickson

**Road Agent**

Phillp K. Stone, Jr.

**Police**

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chief

**Health Officer**

Open

**Fire Warden/Civil Defense Director**

Dale Caswell

**Deputy Town Clerk**

Kathryn K. Dickson

**Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Robert Buchholz (1997)

Mary Ellen Fifield (1999)

George Glines (1999)

Briggs Lockwood (1998)

Andrew Scanlon (1997)

Sewall Smith (1997)

Kenneth Sorlin (1998)

**Board of Adjustment (3 Yrs.)**

Joseph Halla, Chairman (1997)

Philip Cochrane (1997)

Kent Ruesswick (1998)

David Scanlon (1998)

Kenneth Sorlin (1998)

Alternates:

Robert Buchholz (1998)

Webster Stout (1998)

Michael Winograd (1998)

**Conservation Commission (3 Yrs.)**

Robert Fife, Chairman (1998)

Kenneth Stern (1999)

Peter Hofman (1997)

Robert Quinn (1998)

Paul Sanborn (1998)

Teresa C. Wyman (1999)

Alternates:

Victoria Chase (1997)

David Rauseo (1999)

**Librarian**

Susan Holmes, Librarian

Carol Landry, Asst. Librarian

Sylvia Chamberlin, Asst. Librarian

Elaine DeStefano, Asst. Librarian

**Fire Department**

Dale Caswell, Chief

Scott Ruesswick, Deputy Chief

**Building Inspector**

Jim Snyder

**Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)**  
Mason Newick, Chairman (1998)

Kenneth Robichaud (1999)

Jeffrey Leidinger (1997)

Alternates:

Harold Bowley (1997)

**Historic District Commission (3 Yrs.)**

David Lamb, Chairman (1998)

Ethel Scanlon (1999)

Katherine Shields (1998)

Virginia Laplante (1999)

Frank A. Tupper, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates:

Jeff Brillhart (1999)

Steve Booth (1998)

## **WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **State of New Hampshire**

The Polls will be open from 10:00 a..m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canterbury Elementary School in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1997, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

### **FIRST SESSION**

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see how the Town will vote on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot:

**Question 1.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would change Article 5.2D such that residential lots would be required to have road frontage. This amendment also adds a paragraph further defining streets and makes minor changes to other paragraphs. The purpose of the amendment is to bring the Town Zoning Ordinance into conformity with recent changes in state law (RSA 674:41.)

**Question 2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would change Article 5.2 such that the minimum lot acreage in the Industrial Zone would be decreased from 3 acres to 2 acres.

**Question 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would allow for commercial cluster developments by adding a paragraph to Article 6 defining the purpose, general standards, requirements for approval, and individual lot design for commercial cluster developments. This amendment would also make minor additions to Article 5.2D2 and Article 5.3C to allow for commercial cluster developments.

## SECOND SESSION

The second session shall be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the 14th day of March, 1997, at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

3. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
4. To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Canterbury based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000. **(By Ballot)**
5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to purchase a new F350 4x4 pickup truck and authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) is to come from general taxation. **Recommended by the selectmen**
6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to build a sidewalk parallel to Baptist Road from the Canterbury Elementary School to Kimball Pond Road and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of thirty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$31,600) to offset the appropriation of eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400) to be raised through taxes.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for the repair and replacement of windows and doors at the Elizabeth Houser Museum. **Recommended by the selectmen**
8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase of a roll-off for the recycling area. **Recommended by the selectmen**
9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) for the purchase of a computer for the Fire Department. **Not recommended by the selectmen**
10. To see if the town will vote to reconstitute the Industrial Development Committee established by vote of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting as the Canterbury Economic Development Committee, consisting of 7 members appointed by the moderator for staggered 3-year terms.
11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take the following actions:
  - (a) To enter into a boundary adjustment with William Rice to realign the Town industrial/commercial property and Rice property to facilitate development thereof as may be approved by the Planning Board, and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of surveying and other costs associated therewith;
  - (b) With the advise of the Economic Development Committee, to sell or lease lots within the Town Industrial/Commercial Area at Exit 18 pursuant to a subdivision plan to be approved by the Canterbury Planning Board. **Recommended by the selectmen**
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

John S. Pratt, Chairman  
Priscilla Lockwood  
Frank Tupper  
Board of Selectmen

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>Town Officer's Salaries</b>				
Selectmen's Salaries .....	\$6,100	\$6,100.00	\$6,100	\$0
Hourly Clerical Employees .....	25,000	26,014.26	26,500	1,500
Town Clerk Salary .....	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	0
Deputy Town Clerk Salary .....	7,000	6,428.26	7,000	0
Town Clerk Fees .....	7,000	3,023.50	7,000	0
Tax Collector Salary .....	11,500	11,500.04	11,500	0
Tax Collector Fees .....	2,500	1,571.45	2,500	0
Treasurer's Salary .....	2,500	2,500.00	3,000	500
Plate Sticker Fee .....	2,300	2,238.75	2,300	0
	<b>\$64,900</b>	<b>\$60,376.26</b>	<b>\$66,900</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Town Officer's Expenses</b>				
Health Insurance .....	\$2,600	\$2,791.08	\$3,000	\$400
Office Equip. Repairs .....	500	624.50	500	0
Registry of Deeds .....	500	367.28	500	0
Postage .....	3,000	2,809.43	3,000	0
Selectmen's Seminars .....	100	115.99	100	0
Data Processing Services .....	2,000	1,813.95	2,000	0
Tax Map Maintenance .....	750	512.25	750	0
Telephone (Town Offices) .....	1,200	1,290.43	1,200	0
Printing (Selectmen & Town Clerk) .....	250	313.11	250	0
Printing Town Report .....	4,000	4,056.00	4,000	0
Office Supplies - Sel. & Tax Coll. ....	2,500	2,449.88	2,500	0
Office Equipment .....	3,500	466.54	1,500	(2,000)
Marriage license fees to State .....	300	0.00	300	0
Town Clerk & Tax Coll. seminars .....	300	267.50	300	0
Dog Tags .....	200	173.76	200	0
Petty Cash - C. Gordon .....	100	100.00	150	50
Outside Auditing Services .....	4,300	4,300.00	4,300	0
Town Clerk & Tax Coll. Advertising .....	50	0.00	50	0
	<b>\$26,150</b>	<b>\$22,451.70</b>	<b>\$24,600</b>	<b>(-\$1,550)</b>
<b>Election &amp; Registration Expenses</b>				
Election & Registration Wages .....	\$2,000	\$1,191.48	\$400	(\$1,600)
Voter Checklists .....	\$225	0.00	30	(195)
Election Advertising .....	140	165.66	40	(100)
Election Misc. Supplies .....	345	2,076.55	305	(40)
Elec. Voting Machine (3 Yrs. Lease) .....	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	0
	<b>\$5,210</b>	<b>\$5,933.79</b>	<b>\$3,275</b>	<b>(-\$1,935)</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>				
Cemeteries Wages .....	\$5,500	\$5,648.00	\$6,000	\$500
Cemeteries Sub-contracted Help .....	0	0.00	0	0
Cemeteries Equipment Repairs .....	150	102.45	150	0
Cemeteries Misc. Supplies .....	100	203.29	100	0
Cemeteries Gasoline & Oil .....	200	200.00	200	0
Cemeteries Parts & Supplies .....	500	309.36	500	300
	<b>\$6,450</b>	<b>\$6,463.10</b>	<b>\$6,950</b>	<b>\$500</b>

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>General Government Buildings</b>				
Canterbury Center Electricity .....	\$200	\$162.26	\$200	\$0
Town Hall Maintenance .....	500	47.87	500	0
Town Hall Electricity .....	150	170.14	150	0
Town Hall Heating Oil .....	200	0.00	200	0
Highway/Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	1,500	10,501.00	2,000	500
Highway/Fire Dept. Electricity .....	2,000	1,810.67	2,000	0
Highway/Fire Dept. Heating Oil .....	500	286.94	500	0
Sam Lake House Maintenance .....	2,000	380.07	3,000	1,000
Sam Lake House Electricity .....	1,200	946.68	1,200	0
Sam Lake House Heating Oil .....	1,000	1,361.62	1,000	0
Police Dept. Building Maintenance .....	50	174.23	50	0
Police Dept. Building Electricity .....	500	289.90	500	0
Historical Society Maintenance .....	100	23.64	100	0
Historical Society Electricity .....	200	190.67	200	0
Police Dept. Heating Oil .....	500	582.66	500	0
Town Bldg. Emeg. Fund Inc., Lib. Damage .....	3,000	3,000.00	3,000	0
	<b>\$13,600</b>	<b>\$19,928.35</b>	<b>\$15,100</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Reappraisal of Property</b>				
Property Appraisals .....	\$2,000	\$450.00	\$2,000	0
	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>				
Planning Board Sec. Wages .....	\$1,400	\$1,623.75	\$1,400	0
Planning Board Seminars .....	100	0.00	100	0
Planning Board Registry of Deeds .....	25	0.00	25	0
Planning Board Prof. Services .....	400	0.00	500	100
Planning Board Postage .....	500	365.00	500	0
Planning Board Advertising .....	250	249.55	250	0
Planning Board Printing .....	800	983.25	1,100	300
Planning Board Supplies .....	75	60.99	75	0
Planning Board Equipment .....	50	0.00	50	0
Board of Adjustment Sec. Salary .....	750	425.00	750	0
Board of Adjustment Seminars .....	50	0.00	50	0
Board of Adjustment Postage .....	100	140.00	100	0
Board of Adjustment Advertising .....	500	333.51	500	0
Board of Adjustment Printing .....	0	0.00	0	0
Board of Adjustment Supplies .....	50	114.00	50	0
	<b>\$5,050</b>	<b>\$4,295.05</b>	<b>\$5,450</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Legal Expenses</b>				
Attorney Expense .....	\$5,000	\$229.50	\$3,000	(\$2,000)
	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$229.50</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>
<b>Regional Associations</b>				
N.H. Resource Recovery Assn. .....	\$150	\$105.21	\$150	\$0
Town Clerk/Tax Coll. Assn. Dues .....	50	35.00	50	0
Central NH Planning Commission .....	1,459	1,557.00	1,573	114
N.H.M.A. Membership .....	600	626.15	600	0
Assn. of Assessing Officials Dues .....	20	20.00	20	0
Regional/Conc. Solid Waste Co-op .....	20	0.00	20	0
Upper Merrimack River Comm. .....	50	0.00	50	0
Fed. DOT Drug Testing .....	200	211.60	210	10
	<b>\$2,549</b>	<b>\$2,554.96</b>	<b>\$2,673</b>	<b>\$124</b>

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Police Department</b>				
Police Dept Wages .....	\$72,000	\$55,094.43	\$72,000	\$0
Police Dept Cruiser Maintenance .....	2,500	3,575.61	2,500	0
Police Dept Health Insurance .....	2,500	1,468.24	3,000	500
Police Dept Telephone .....	2,000	1,778.09	2,000	0
Police Dept Dispatch Svcs. ....	7,500	6,882.00	4,375	(3,125)
Police Dept Radios & Repairs .....	1,100	20.00	1,100	0
Police Dept Office Supplies .....	400	314.51	400	0
Police Dept Uniforms .....	600	726.00	600	0
Police Dept Gasoline .....	2,500	1,402.22	2,500	0
Police Dept Misc. Supplies & New Equip. .	250	1,839.34	750	500
Police Dept Retirement .....	1,500	0.00	1,500	0
Police Dept Sub Contract .....	0	0.00	12,000	12,000
Police Dept Seminars, Dues & Subscrip. ....	0	0.00	500	500
	<b>\$92,850</b>	<b>\$73,100.44</b>	<b>\$103,225</b>	<b>\$10,375</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Fire Dept Reimbursement .....	\$4,400	\$4,100.00	\$4,400	\$0
Fire Dept Forest Fire Costs .....	1,000	690.25	800	(200)
Fire Dept Vehicle Maintenance .....	2,500	4,131.52	4,000	1,500
Fire Dept Training & Prevention .....	1,000	287.26	1,000	0
Fire Dept Dispatch Services .....	9,061	9,061.00	10,691	1,630
Fire Dept Radios & Repair .....	4,000	5,703.19	3,500	(500)
Fire Dept Misc Supplies - Water Sources ..	1,000	493.69	1,000	0
Fire Dept Gasoline & Oil .....	800	1,216.82	1,000	200
Fire Dept Replacement Equip .....	5,500	6,081.73	8,200	2,700
Fire Dept Office Equipment .....	200	174.58	200	0
Fire Dept Medical Training .....	1,000	450.00	1,000	0
Fire Dept Medical Supplies .....	2,500	1,394.76	2,000	(500)
Fire Dept Firefighting Equip. Maint .....	2,000	1,498.34	2,000	0
	<b>\$34,961</b>	<b>\$35,283.14</b>	<b>\$39,791</b>	<b>\$4,830</b>
<b>Civil Defense</b>				
Civil Defense .....	\$1	\$0.00	\$1	\$0
	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Building Inspection</b>				
Building Inspector Salary .....	\$2,500	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	\$0
Building Inspector Supplies .....	250	178.37	250	0
Building Inspector Seminars .....	0	0.00	300	300
	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,678.37</b>	<b>\$3,050</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Highway Dept. Town Maintenance</b>				
Highway Dept Wages .....	\$100,000	\$88,543.60	\$100,000	\$0
Highway Dept - Subcontract Help .....	5,000	5,136.50	5,000	0
Highway Dept Salt .....	10,000	6,186.67	10,000	0
Highway Dept Sand & Gravel .....	30,000	33,869.97	30,000	0
Highway Dept Culverts & Bridges .....	1,500	1,739.81	1,500	0
Highway Dept Road Tar .....	16,000	17,259.36	20,000	4,000
Highway Dept Road Imp. Projects .....	34,000	34,079.00	34,000	0
	<b>\$196,500</b>	<b>\$186,815.23</b>	<b>\$200,500</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>General Highway Dept Expenses</b>				
Highway Dept Equipment Repairs .....	\$11,500	\$13,963.27	\$15,000	\$3,500
Highway Dept - BC/BS & Disabil. Ins. ....	12,000	11,623.76	13,500	1,500
Highway Dept Telephone .....	500	516.97	500	0
Highway Dept Misc Supplies .....	800	1,596.51	800	0
Highway Dept Gasoline & Diesel .....	13,000	10,277.48	13,000	0
Highway Dept Tires .....	2,000	1,493.12	3,000	1,000
	<b>\$39,800</b>	<b>\$39,471.11</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Street Lighting</b>				
Street Lighting .....	\$1,000	\$922.87	\$1,000	\$0
	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$922.87</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>				
Solid Waste Wages .....	\$15,000	\$14,497.50	\$15,000	\$0
Solid Waste Recycling Services .....	6,000	17,588.77	16,000	10,000
Solid Waste Repairs - Trans. & Truck .....	2,000	2,605.25	2,000	0
Solid Waste Telephone .....	300	347.43	300	0
Solid Waste Supplies .....	50	0.00	50	0
Solid Waste Electricity .....	500	703.51	600	100
Solid Waste Fuel Oil .....	150	113.00	100	(50)
Solid Waste Co-op Fee - Ash Disp. ....	26,000	25,791.55	26,000	0
Central NH Waste Dist. ....	1	0.00	1	0
Recycling Building .....	0	0.00	1,500	1,500
	<u>\$50,001</u>	<u>\$61,647.01</u>	<u>\$61,551</u>	<u>\$11,550</u>
<b>Hospitals &amp; Ambulances</b>				
Hospital Appropriation .....	\$700	\$700.00	\$700	\$0
Penacook Rescue Squad .....	12,740	12,740.00	12,740	0
Belmont Rescue Squad .....	500	500.00	500	0
	<u>\$13,940</u>	<u>\$13,940.00</u>	<u>\$13,940</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Animal Control</b>				
Dog Costs (SPCA) .....	\$100	\$162.00	\$150	\$50
	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$162.00</u>	<u>\$150</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<b>Vital Statistics</b>				
Vital Statistics Fees .....	\$50	\$37.00	\$50	\$0
	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$37.00</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Assistance</b>				
Comm. Action Program .....	\$1,408	\$1,408.00	\$1,408	\$0
General Assistance .....	5,000	2,677.83	3,000	(2,000)
Old Age Assistance .....	500	0.00	500	0
Aid to Disabled (VNA) .....	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	0
	<u>\$7,908</u>	<u>\$5,085.83</u>	<u>\$5,908</u>	<u>(\$2,000)</u>
<b>Elkins Library Appropriation</b>				
Librarian Salaries .....	\$13,212	\$13,212.00	\$14,466	
Maint. Repair .....	1,100	1,100.00	1,021	
Books/Mag./Tapes .....	4,970	4,970.00	4,713	
Dues/Mtgs./Education .....	427	427.00	370	
Social Security .....	1,100	1,100.00	1,336	
Telephone .....	750	750.00	750	
Oil .....	400	400.00	650	
Electricity .....	700	700.00	700	
Postage .....	200	200.00	200	
Equip./Supplies .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500	
Programs/Misc. ....	341	341.00	400	
	<u>\$24,200</u>	<u>\$24,200.00</u>	<u>\$26,106</u>	<u>\$1,906</u>
<b>Historic District Commission</b>				
Historical Dist. Sec. Wage .....	\$500	\$217.50	\$500	\$0
Historic Distr. Postage. ....	40	25.00	40	0
Historic Distr. Printing .....	50	0.00	50	0
Historic Distr. Supplies .....	10	0.00	10	0
	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$242.50</u>	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$0</u>

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Canterbury Industrial Devel. Comm</b>				
Canterbury Ind. Dev. Comm. Approp .....	\$100	\$5.00	\$100	\$0
	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
Recreation Comm Repairs .....	\$450	\$33.00	\$450	\$0
Recreation Comm Equipment .....	300	300.00	300	0
	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$333.00</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>				
Memorial Day Expenses .....	\$100	\$133.56	\$100	\$0
Fourth of July Expenses .....	900	872.70	900	0
	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,006.26</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Conservation Comm Dues .....	\$125	\$15.00	\$150	\$25
Conservation Comm Postage .....	75	245.00	100	25
Conservation Comm Prtg. & Adv. ....	50	0.00	0	(50)
Conservation Comm Supplies .....	100	100.00	200	100
Conservation Land Mgmt. ....	100	481.96	0	(100)
Cons. Youth Camp .....	100	0.00	0	(100)
	<u>\$550</u>	<u>\$841.96</u>	<u>\$450</u>	<u>(\$100)</u>
<b>Historical Society</b>				
Historical Society Preserve Exp. ....	\$600	\$348.44	\$850	\$250
Historical Society Misc Supplies .....	100	84.54	100	0
	<u>\$700</u>	<u>\$432.98</u>	<u>\$950</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
<b>Principal of Long Term Debt</b>				
Principal Payment Fire Truck .....	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Interest of Long Term Debt</b>				
Interest Payt Fire Truck .....	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Interest of Tax Antic. Notes</b>				
Interest Payt Tax Antic. Notes .....	\$3,000	\$0.00	\$3,000	\$0
	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>FICA Retirement &amp; Pension Cont.</b>				
FICA Retirement .....	\$23,000	\$23,000.00	\$24,000	\$1,000
	<u>\$23,000</u>	<u>\$23,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Insurance</b>				
Insurance .....	\$44,000	\$45,518.00	\$45,000	\$1,000
	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>\$45,518.00</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b> .....	<b><u>\$668.670</u></b>	<b><u>\$637,405.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$706,870</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,200</u></b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>				
Highway Equipment .....	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000	\$0
Highway Truck .....	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	0
Highway Grader .....	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	0
	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$683,670</u></b>	<b><u>\$652,405.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$721,870</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,200</u></b>

## 1997 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1996 Appr.	1996 Spent	1997 Appr.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>				
WA #97 - 5 PU Truck - Highway .....			\$18,000	
( <u>\$10,000 Cap. Res.</u> )				
WA #97 - 6 Sidewalk - School to Ctr. ....			8,400	
(Bal. ISTE Grant \$31,600)				
WA #97 - 7 Houser Museum Repairs .....			5,200	
WA #97 - 8 Roll Off - Recycling Area ....			3,000	
WA #97 - 9 Fire Dept. Computer .....			1,900	
WA #97 - 11 Surveying Costs .....			<u>1,500</u>	
<b>BUDGET TOTAL WITH</b>				
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b> .....			<u><b>\$759,870</b></u>	

SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,995,249.00
REFUNDS .....	\$4,640.29
TAX SALES - TAX COLL. ....	\$108,940.49
MERRIMACK COUNTY TAX .....	\$215,446.00

## REVENUE TO OFFSET 1997 BUDGET

	Est. 1996	Act. 1996	Est. 1997
<b>TAXES</b>			
Yield taxes .....	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,744	\$ 15,000
Interest & penalties on taxes .....	50,000	38,516	50,000
Land use change tax .....	0	0	0
Payment in lieu of taxes .....	5,000	10,698	10,000
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE</b>			
Shared revenue - Block grant .....	40,000	53,610	40,000
Highway block grant .....	53,252	53,252	59,108
Railroad tax .....	0	0	0
Reimb. a/c State Federal Forest Land .....	100	0	100
Forest Fire Reimbursement .....	100	370	100
Recycling Grant .....	0	0	0
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>			
Motor vehicle permit fees .....	170,000	191,245	180,000
Dog licenses .....	500	713	500
Pistol permits .....	300	310	300
Building permits .....	2,500	2,050	2,500
Marriage licenses .....	400	342	400
License Plate Fees .....	5,000	4,525	5,000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Income from departments .....	2,000	1,962	2,000
Rent of town property .....	0	0	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Interest of Deposits .....	15,000	25,545	20,000
Miscellaneous .....	1,000	3,568	1,000
Sale of Town Property .....	0	0	0
Recycling .....	5,000	6,202	6,000
Cemetery - Perpetual Care .....	0	0	0
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve .....	0	0	10,000
FUND BALANCE .....	60,000	60,000	50,000
	<u>\$425,152</u>	<u>\$466,652</u>	<u>\$452,008</u>
<b>Proposed Budget Total</b> .....	<b>\$721,870</b>		
<b>Less Estimated Income</b> .....	<b><u>\$452,008</u></b>		
<b>ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO RAISE</b>			
<b>BY TAXES IN 1997 IS:</b> .....	<b>\$269,862</b>		

## **MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING**

### **FIRST SESSION**

March 15, 1996

The moderator, Oliver Fifield, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Cheryl Gordon to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded.

Necessary town officers for the year ensuing were chosen by ballot and the Town voted on zoning amendments (by official ballot) proposed by the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were then counted. Results were as follows.

### **1996 Ballot**

**Selectman:** 1 position 3 years

Earl W. Hall	183
Frank Tupper	273

**Treasurer:** 1 position 1 year

Sewall G. Smith	429
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**Moderator:** 1 position 2 years

Wayne A. Mann	392
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**Planning Board:** 2 positions 3 years

Michael R. Capone	240
Daniel D. Crean	236
Donna L. Leonard	259

**Library Trustees:** 2 positions 3 years

Philip W. Holmes	353
Claudia L. Leidinger	398

**Trustee of Trust Funds:** 1 position 3 years

Kent W. Ruesswick	397
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**Supervisor of Checklist** 1 position 6 years

Brenda Murray	417
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## **Results of 1996 Proposed Zoning Changes**

**Question 1.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment creates two (2) new districts for purposes of defining permitted uses and special exceptions and dimensional requirements, but retains the existing Center Historic District as an “overlay” district within which the Canterbury Historic District Commission will continue to have jurisdiction to review new development and expansions and changes in existing uses. The uses allowed in the two districts reflect the intent to retain a community “core” with mixed uses, while retaining uses in the surrounding “village” area which complement and enhance the values intended to be protected and furthered by creation of these districts. The amendment also makes changes in the definition of “retail uses”, and adds use classifications of “service uses”, “professional studios” and “civic uses.” Citizen petition in protest of zoning amendment; needs 2/3 vote to pass.

Yes 230                          No 219

**Question 2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment includes technical changes to Article 12 (Flood Plain) to conform to the National Flood Insurance Program, including a definition of “new construction” and requirements for submission of and availability of plans and records.

Yes 331                          No 87

**SECOND SESSION  
(Business Portion)  
March 15, 1996**

The adjourned Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 1996, by the moderator, Oliver Fifield.

Special guests of the Town Meeting were introduced. Howard Moffett introduced a lawyer visiting his office from Russia and Ruth and Wayne Mann presented friends of theirs who were visiting from Texas. Leda Hartman from N. H. Public Radio announced that she is working on a special project and she wished to tape Canterbury's Town Meeting.

Oliver Fifield mentioned that the Town Report was dedicated this year to Sewall and Norma Smith who have committed much of their time to Town, Church and civic affairs for nearly 50 years. The townspeople gave them a standing ovation.

Priscilla Lockwood, Selectman, identified the photographs that were depicted on the cover of the Town report.

A review of the ground rules was presented. Dan Crean was appointed as parliamentarian for the Town Meeting. The results of the balloting from the first session of Town Meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, were read by the moderator.

**Article 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) for a new volunteer fire department pumper and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate bonds or notes for one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interests of the Town of Canterbury, and to pass any vote relating thereto. (By ballot with 2/3 vote needed to pass.) **Recommended by the Selectmen**

Chip Hacking moved the adoption of this article Mac Eddy seconded.

Dale Caswell, Fire Chief, spoke in favor of this article. The fire

department would like to replace the 1978 K-1 fire truck which is an unsafe and unreliable piece of equipment. They spent over \$6,000 on the truck last year in repairs. In 1978 the Canterbury Fire Department made 15 fire calls; last year they responded to over 170 calls and they need a reliable pumper. The proposed rescue-pumper is a four-wheel drive, highly maneuverable, compact vehicle designed to negotiate Canterbury's narrow dirt roads. Dale spoke with the DRA and they informed him that financing the truck over a period of seven years at \$29,600 a year would increase the tax rate approximately 46 cents per thousand. Dale asked the Town to please consider the approval of this warrant article.

Briggs Lockwood moved to amend the appropriation for the fire truck from \$170,000 to \$94,750. The moderator was not sure an amendment could be made of this nature; the whole structure of the article would be changed. The parliamentarian was questioned whether or not this was a legal amendment. Dan Crean said that the purpose of changing the dollar amount must be stated. Briggs said that he feels that the Town can purchase a suitable piece of fire equipment for the lesser amount of money. He received a quote for a new truck and the work necessary to meet the criteria needed for a four-wheel drive vehicle using the body and pumper from the old fire truck. A motion to consider an amendment to change the dollar amount from \$170,000 to \$94,750 was defeated.

Back to the original article, Don Maurer, a volunteer of the Canterbury Fire Department, spoke in favor of the article.

Hugh Fifield spoke against the article; he did not think the Town could afford the \$170,000 with the question of the new school hanging over our heads.

Chip Hacking spoke in favor of the article stating that he has been on the Fire Department for seven years and he has had to drive the 1978 K-1 truck and it has had four brake failures. The truck has been driven hard and it was not designed to do the job. The water tank leaks because it is rusted and the maintenance people have suggested that they do not put any more money into the truck.

Harold Streeter asked why the selectmen recommended this arti-

cle this year and were against it last year.

John Pratt, Selectman, explained that the selectmen feel that the Town needs the fire truck but now they wonder if a suitable truck can be purchased for an amount considerably less than \$170,000.

Bob Lockwood moved reconsideration of the vote not to accept the proposed amendment to change the appropriation of the fire truck from \$170,000 to \$94,750. He feels there is sufficient interest in the proposal Briggs Lockwood has to offer. The motion was seconded by Don Bailey. The vote to consider the amendment was 127 yes; 71 no.

Briggs Lockwood said that he received a quote from the Ford garage for a new cab chassis with four-wheel drive. He also talked with a person who rebuilds fire trucks and he estimated it would cost about \$33,000 to up grade the equipment on the old fire truck, transfer it to the new cab chassis, and add a new tank.

Dale Caswell spoke against the amendment stating that the rebuilt truck would have many of the same problems and we would be without a truck for at least four months.

John Goegel spoke in opposition to the amendment; with all due respect to Briggs Lockwood, he wished the proposal could have been made sooner and in light of the Fire Department needs, we should be voting on the original proposal.

Don Bailey spoke in favor of the amendment; for less money we can buy a new truck using the old body and pumper.

Harold Streeter spoke in favor of the amendment.

Dwight Keeler spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Bill McCallister wanted to know how many "structure" fires the Fire Department reported to last year. Dale Caswell said they reported to 12 "potential" structure fires which would include chimney fires or appliance fires .

After considerable discussion, a vote was then taken on the amendment by a hand vote and was defeated.

The original question was moved. As a 2/3 ballot vote was required, the polls were declared open from 8:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. Article 3 passed by a ballot vote of 165 yes and 71 no.

## **Article 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.

Phil Cochrane moved the adoption of this article. Earl Hall seconded.

The moderator explained that if the article is adopted, it will not appear again on the warrant because we will be giving the selectmen the authority to issue tax anticipation notes each year until that authority is rescinded.

Earl Hall explained that the purpose of this article is so that we do not have to take the time to act on them each year.

A vote was taken on Article 4 and passed unanimously.

## **Article 5.**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction or sealed bid, or as justice may require after consultation with the Conservation Commission. (RSA 80:80) This authorization shall remain in effect indefinitely until rescinded.

Earl Hall moved the adoption of this article. John Pratt seconded.

The adoption of this article will give indefinite authority to the Board of Selectmen to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed.

A vote was taken on Article 5 and was passed.

## **Article 6.**

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Dan Crean moved the adoption. John Pratt seconded.

Bob Lockwood asked what has happened that we do not have to address these last three articles on an annual basis.

Dan Crean explained that the change is that in the last few years the legislature has amended all these actions so that we can now adopt these indefinitely until authority is rescinded.

A vote was taken on Article 6 and passed unanimously.

### **Article 7.**

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Howard Moffett moved the adoption of this article. John Pratt seconded.

Andrew Scanlon asked if there were any restrictions on whether or not the money is spent on library concerns. John Pratt explained that according to the State Statutes, the money would have to be expended for library uses only.

A vote was taken on Article 7 and passed.

### **Article 7A.**

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

At the moderator's request, John Pratt explained that since this article to vote on the budget was inadvertently omitted from this year's warrant, we will take action on it at this time. The Article was posted at two public places and in the newspaper. John also wanted to mention at this time that under the Highway Department Wages on page 17 of the Town Report, the amount for 1996 appropriation should have been \$100,000, not \$100 as misprinted.

John Pratt moved to adopt the budget in the amount of \$683,670. It was seconded by Earl Hall.

Laurie Rauseo questioned the reduction of the Town Hall maintenance budget; the Town Hall looks as though it is in need of paint. John Pratt explained that they plan to use money left to the Town by Robert Burroughs to do the renovations needed to the Town Hall.

Selectman John Pratt, at this time, wanted to express appreciation on behalf of the Town, to Earl Hall for the many years that he served as selectman. His hard work and dedication will be missed by the Board. Earl responded that it has been his great pleasure to serve this town.

Harold Streeter questioned the increase in the Police Department; when were the two part-time police officers certified as full-time? John Pratt explained that we have one State certified full time police officer and two part-time. The two part-time officers act as clerks also for the Police Department and put in full-time hours.

Suzanne Dewitt suggested that we have a regular budgeted annual amount to maintain the Town buildings to keep them up. The selectmen were in agreement.

After further discussion of the budget, the question was moved. The motion to accept the budget in the amount of \$683,670 was voted on and passed unanimously.

## **Article 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the repair of the roof at the Sam Lake House. **Recommended by the Selectmen**

Earl Hall moved the adoption of this article. Harold Streeter seconded.

Jim Miller asked if the cost for the repairs could come out of the Sam Lake Trust Fund account. Earl Hall said that there would not be enough money in the Sam Lake Trust Fund. The roof has had many years of wear and is in great need of repair.

Hugh Fifield spoke in favor of the article. The question was moved and Article 8 was passed unanimously.

## **Article 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects projected over minimum periods of six years, in accordance with RSA 674:5-8.

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. Jim Miller seconded.

Planning Board member, Dan Crean, spoke to the article stating that this is a procedure that authorizes the Planning Board according to State Statutes to adopt a program setting up anticipated needs of an accounting nature over a period of six years to be updated annually.

Priscilla Lockwood stated that the selectmen are opposed to this article; they do not feel a formal capital improvements plan is necessary at this time.

Nancy Hacking spoke in favor of the adoption of this article.

A vote was taken on Article 9 and passed by a majority voice vote.

## **Article 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the reconstruction of Kimball Pond Dam. (Additional Funds needed for the project are to be drawn from the Conservation Fund. Estimated cost is \$21,000-\$29,000.) Not recommended by the Selectmen

Peter Hofman moved the adoption of this article. Bob Fife seconded.

Priscilla Lockwood wished to assure the townspeople that the selectmen are not opposed to the reconstruction of the dam; they support it. They are opposed to using \$10,000 of tax money to build it. The selectmen feel that the Conservation Commission has enough money in their fund to pay for the dam. Priscilla brought to the Town's attention that last year it was voted to turn over all revenue from the land use change tax to the Conservation Commission so that they could raise money for land protection without raising the taxes.

Peter Hofman spoke in favor of this article; Kimball Pond is a very popular recreation area and if the dam is not repaired, the water will disappear. He also discussed the Conservation Commission funds and how they are to be allocated.

Bob Fife said that the dam would be repaired from Conservation Commission funds whether this article passed or not, but if another piece of land became available, they would not have the money to purchase it.

Tad Flagg spoke against the article

The question was moved and Article 10 was defeated by a hand vote of 95 No and 93 Yes.

## **Article 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
  - 2 Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1 per voter;
  3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
  4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
  5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.
- By Petition**

Charlie Cook moved that this article be tabled. The motion was

seconded. The motion to table the article was defeated.

Jim Miller moved to adopt this article. The motion was seconded by Ruth Heath.

Beatrice Newberry spoke in favor of the adoption of this article.

Jim Miller, John LaPlante, Judy Elliot and Greg Heath spoke in favor of the adoption of this article.

A vote was taken on Article 11 and was passed.

## **Article 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of the unnamed Town Road which provides access to the Town Industrial area. The area to be discontinued extends from West Road to the northerly boundary of the property now owned by William and Kathleen Rice. The discontinuance will take effect only upon approval of the relocation of the road by the Selectmen and Planning Board, and upon acceptance by the Selectmen of an acceptable deed which conveys appropriate title to the property for the relocated road.

Earl Hall moved the adoption of this article. Marlene Hall seconded.

Earl Hall spoke in favor of this article stating that the relocation of the road would provide a better access to the Town-owned Industrial land.

Kathy Rice, owner of the property, showed the Town a plan of the proposed road.

Barbie Tilton wished to know the cost of building a new road. Earl Hall said that they do not know the cost at this time, but it would be minimal.

Jim Bassett, a member of the Planning Board, stated that the present right-of-way to the Industrial property does not make much sense; it is not much of a road. He spoke in favor of the adoption of this article.

A vote was taken on Article 12 and was passed unanimously.

### **Article 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to build a sidewalk parallel to Baptist Road from the Spruces to Kimball Pond Road and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to offset the appropriation. (Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to be raised through taxes.) **Not recommended by the Selectmen**

Earl Hall moved the adoption of this article. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Earl Hall explained that after this warrant article was written, the selectmen received another estimate from the Department of Transportation to build the sidewalk for \$100,000; we would receive a grant for \$80,000 and only \$20,000 would have to be raised through taxes. Even though we would not have to appropriate as much money, the selectmen are against adoption of this article. Regular maintenance of the sidewalk would be too costly. Earl moved to amend the article to read, “to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to build a sidewalk parallel to Baptist Road from the Spruces to Kimball Pond Road and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to offset the appropriation. (Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be raised through taxes.) The motion to amend was seconded. A vote was taken on the amendment and was passed.

Back to the original article with the increase, there was considerable discussion.

Briggs Lockwood spoke against the adoption of this article.

Jan Cote asked if we adopted this article, would we have to get approval from the Historic District. John Pratt answered, yes, it would have to go before the Historic District Commission.

Graham Chynoweth spoke in favor of the sidewalk.

David Cloutier spoke in opposition to the adoption of this article.

A vote was taken on Article 13 and was defeated.

## **Article 14.**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Bob Lockwood moved to see if the Town will authorize the moderator to appoint a three member industrial development committee to help the selectmen administer the road relocation that we voted on and to further look into proposed uses of the Canterbury industrial site off Interstate 93. The motion was seconded by John Pratt. The motion was voted on and passed. Bob Lockwood further encouraged the selectmen to ask Earl Hall to serve on that committee.

Frank Tupper requested that the records show the Town's appreciation to Oliver Fifield for his many years of service as moderator. He also wished to thank Earl Hall for the years he served as selectman.

Chris Booth moved to have the bullet-resistant glass removed from the Town Clerk's window. The motion was seconded. The moderator asked Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk, how she felt about that. She said that if there was something put into the glass so that people could be heard through it, she would like it to stay. The motion was voted on and defeated.

Michael Winograd suggested that the Town bring back a Friday night forum for the townspeople to get together to discuss different issues. Doug Ruesswick also spoke on this subject and encouraged the town to get involved.

Peter McDonald reminded the people to attend the school meeting the following week.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Dickson for  
Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk

## 1996 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	1996 Approp.	1996 Spent	(Over)/ Under	Encumb. to 1997
<b>General Government</b>				
Town Officer's Salaries .....	\$64,900.00	\$60,376.26	\$4,523.74	
Town Officer's Expenses .....	26,150.00	22,451.70	3,698.30	
Election & Registration .....	5,210.00	5,933.79	(723.79)	
Cemeteries .....	6,450.00	6,463.10	(13.10)	
General Gov't Bldgs. ....	13,600.00	19,928.35	(6,328.35)	
Reappraisal of Property .....	2,000.00	450.00	1,550.00	
Planning and Zoning .....	5,050.00	4,295.05	754.95	
Legal Expense .....	5,000.00	229.50	4,770.50	
Regional Association .....	2,549.00	2,554.96	(5.96)	
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Police Department .....	92,850.00	73,100.44	19,749.56	
Fire Department .....	34,961.00	35,283.14	(322.14)	
Civil Defense .....	1.00	-0-	1.00	
Building Inspection .....	2,750.00	2,678.37	71.63	
<b>Highways, Streets, Bridges</b>				
Highway Dept. Maintenance ....	196,500.00	186,815.23	9,684.77	
Highway Dept. Gen. Exp. ....	39,800.00	39,471.11	328.89	
Street Lighting .....	1,000.00	922.87	77.13	
<b>Sanitation</b>				
Solid Waste Disposal .....	50,001.00	61,647.01	(11,646.01)	
<b>Health</b>				
Hospitals & Ambulances .....	13,940.00	13,940.00	0.00	
Animal Control .....	100.00	162.00	(62.00)	
Vital Statistics .....	50.00	37.00	13.00	
<b>Welfare</b>				
General Assistance .....	7,908.00	5,085.83	2,822.17	
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>				
Library .....	24,200.00	24,200.00	0.00	
Historic District Comm. ....	600.00	242.50	357.50	
Industrial Dev. Comm. ....	100.00	5.00	95.00	
Parks & Recreation .....	750.00	333.00	417.00	
Patriotic Purposes .....	1,000.00	1,006.26	(6.26)	
Conservation Comm. ....	550.00	841.96	(291.96)	
Historical Society .....	700.00	432.98	267.02	
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Interest of Tax Antic. Notes .....	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	

	1996 Approp.	1996 Spent	(Over)/ Under	Encumb. to 1997
<b>Operating Transfer Out</b>				
<b>Capital Reserve:</b>				
Highway Equipment .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Highway Truck .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Highway Grader .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
FICA .....	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	
Insurance .....	44,000.00	45,518.00	<u>(1,518.00)</u>	
Sub-totals .....	<u>\$683,670.00</u>	<u>\$652,405.41</u>	<u>\$31,264.59</u>	
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
WA#96-3 Fire Truck .....	\$170,000.00	0.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00
WA#96-8 Sam Lake House Roof .....	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b><u>\$857,670.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$652,405.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$205,264.59</u></b>	<b><u>\$174,000.00</u></b>

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

**December 31, 1996**

None for the year of 1996

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK — 1996**

Auto Permits 1996 - 2546 Issued	\$191,245.00
Dog Licenses 1996 - 127 Issued	713.36
Marriages	342.00
Vital Searches - 3	46.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Prior Year Money	<u>21.00</u>
	192,372.36
1996 Money Remitted in 1997	20.03
	<u>\$192,392.39</u>

Cheryl A. Gordon  
Town Clerk

## **SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY**

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Land	\$28,578,921
Buildings	67,995,300
Public Utilities	1,984,000
Manufactured Housing	64,800
Total Gross Valuation	<u>\$98,623,021</u>
Less Elderly Exemptions	\$235,000
Solar Exemptions	106,700
Blind Exemptions	45,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	63,250
Net Valuation on which Tax is Computed	<u>\$98,173,071</u>
Loss Due to Veteran's Exemptions (118)	\$11,800
Loss Due to Total Disability (2)	\$2,800

Town Tax Rate	\$ 3.57
County Tax Rate	2.16
School Tax Rate	19.47
Per \$1,000 Valuation	\$25.20

### **Current Use Land**

Values before application of Current Use	\$46,677,550
Values after application of Current Use	<u>28,578,921</u>
Assessed Value Lost	<u>\$ 18,098,629</u>
Number of acres granted for Current Use Exemption	17,567.19

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, land and buildings	\$208,500.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Library, land and buildings	135,200.00
Furniture and equipment	100,000.00
Police Department Building	32,500.00
Contents	500.00
Garage and Fire Station	306,000.00
Contents	4,000.00
Historical Building	89,800.00
Contents	20,000.00
Sam Lake House and buildings	138,600.00
Contents	10,000.00
Town Dump, land & improvements	85,500.00
Salt Shed Building	25,000.00
Brick and Frame Bandstand	19,900.00
04.021.002 Industrial Site	74,400.00
14.017 Worsted Church Lot	1,100.00
04.015 LO w/s Intervale Road (Gift)	66,000.00
Land owned by Conservation Commission:	
TM# 08.020 Land on e/s Route 132	10,500.00
15.013 Land on e/s Abberton Road (Gift)	7,900.00
08.041 Land on Kimball Pond (Gift)	43,500.00
11.014 LO e/s Abbott Road	40,800.00
12.016 LO Whitney Hill Road	15,900.00
12.028 LO Spendor Meadow	29,000.00
21.017 LO w/s Shoestring Road	403,800.00
08.016.004 Northwest Rd. cons. eas.	6,900.00
11.027.001 LO s/s Baptist Road	5,600.00
Land acquired through Tax Deeds:	
TM# 02.001 LO Shore of New Pond	7,000.00
02.022 LO Canterbury Shore Drive	9,300.00
02.137 LO Friar Tuck Road	7,000.00
02.141 LO Friar Tuck Road	7,000.00
02.148 LO Robin Shore Drive	7,000.00
02.150 LO Robin Shore Drive	7,000.00
12.027 LO Spendor Meadow	13,900.00
11.035 LO SS Baptist Road	19,600.00
07.046 LO off ES Borough Road	24,500.00

02.049.002 LO 34-36 Blue Boar Lane	5,800.00
12.020 LO Spendor Meadow	11,300.00
01.004.001 LO n/s Intervale Road	3,850.00
02.334 LO Island New Pond	4,400.00
02.335 LO Island New Pond	3,200.00
02.252 LO Nottingham Road	7,000.00
02.288 LO Nottingham Road	7,300.00
02.280 LO Gilmanton Road	8,700.00
02.318 LO Blue Boar Lane	800.00
04.008 LO ES Intervale Road	42,100.00
10.005 LO ES Briar Bush Road	52,400.00
11.031 LO off Baptist Road	22,600.00
11.032 LO off Baptist Road	14,100.00
02.152 LO Robin Shore Drive	7,000.00
13.007 LO e/s Misery Road	45,100.00
16.015 LO e/s Whitney Hill Road	26,900.00
17.004.002 LO off Route 106, Rocky Pond	15,500.00
02.204 Canterbury Shore Drive	11,600.00
02.333.002 Flowage & Dam Rights	2,500.00
01.011 LO n/s Intervale Road T/L	100.00
01.012 LO n/s Intervale Road T/L	300.00
18.002 LO e/s Route 106, s/s Shaw Road	800.00
02.133 23 Friar Tuck Road	7,000.00
04.071 LO n/s Northwest Road	15,000.00
17.004.019 LO off Rte. 106	7,800.00
17.004.014 LO off Rte. 106	45,900.00
17.004.007 LO off Rte. 106	17,000.00
17.004.012 LO off Rte. 106	4,300.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$2,374,050.00</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1996

**Assets**

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 799,057.15
Cash in hands of Selectmen	20,341.92
Sam Lake Income Account	1,202.42
NHIS Youth Fund	10,216.62
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Highway Equipment	\$19,592.00
Highway Trucks	6,317.08
Revaluation	1,323.77
Dump Transfer Station	30,640.09
Road Grader	<u>10,866.53</u>
Conservation Commission	
- Land Fund	28,456.50
Bond Proceeds Receivable - Fire Truck	170,000.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1996	\$280,341.62
Levies of prior years	9,088.25
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levies of 1995	67,700.37
Levies of 1994	37,960.44
Levies of prior years	17,857.37
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	(60,000.00) <u>352,948.05</u>
	<u>\$1,450,962.13</u>

**Liabilities and Equity**

Accounts payable	\$3,533.19
Encumbrances:	
Landfill Closure	\$46,925.00
Transfer to Conservation	
- Commission Land Fund	2,290.00
Fire Truck	170,000.00
Sam Lake House Roof	<u>4,000.00</u>
Sam Lake Income Account	1,202.42
NHIS Youth Fund	11,382.22
Conservation Commission Land Fund	28,456.50
Due to School District	933,485.00
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>68,739.47</u>
	<u>\$1,270,013.80</u>

**Fund Balance**

Unreserved Fund Balance, amount available to reduce 1997 tax rate	<u>180,948.33</u>
	<u>\$1,450,962.13</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT — 1996

**Receipts:**

Tax Collector	\$2,606,518.44
Town Clerk	192,372.36
Municipal Agent	4,525.00
NH Highway Subsidy	51,432.25
NH Add'l Highway Subsidy	1,820.17
NH Forest Fire Reimb.	369.68
NH Revenue Sharing	39,636.63
NH Rooms/Meals Tax	13,973.04
Bd. of Adjust. Hearing	39.00
Current Use Fees	10.00
Bldg. Permits & Renewal	2,050.00
Pistol Permits	310.00
ZBA Fees	345.00
Building & Zoning Ordinances	32.75
Gift in Lieu of Taxes	10,697.60
Planning Board Fees	380.50
Sub-Div. Fees	957.50
Interest on Investments	25,545.15
Use of Copier	17.50
NSF Check Charges	82.94
Police Reports	180.00
Other Income	3,568.50
Recycled Waste	2,538.11
Transfer Station Fees	3,664.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS 1996:</b>	<u>\$2,961,066.12</u>
Balance on Hand January 1, 1996	<u>\$874,920.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<u>\$3,835,986.12</u>

**LESS:**

Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$2,697,209.38
Tax Liens	108,940.49
Land Change - Conservation Comm.	3,763.00
Undistributed	1,413.00
NSF Checks ret'd	157.10
County Tax	<u>215,446.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<u>\$3,026,928.97</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1996	\$809,057.15

**CONSERVATION TRUST FUND**  
Balance December 31, 1996

Fleet Bank  
Money Market Account \$24,693.51

**SAM LAKE INCOME FUND**  
Balance December 31, 1996

Fleet Bank  
Money Market Account \$1,202.18

**NHIS GIFT (for Youth)**  
Balance December 31, 1996

Citizens Bank  
Certificate of Deposit \$10,000.00

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

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Many changes have taken place over the past year, the most significant being the hiring of a new police chief. Chief Jeff Miller took the position of our first full time chief in November 1996, coming to us from Pittsfield, N.H. We wish Chief Miller much success in his new position and welcome him to our community.

We would also like to take a moment to express our thanks to Harry Heath for his many years of service to our town as our chief. Harry always did his best to protect the people and property of Canterbury in a conscientious and professional manner. We wish him well in his retirement and again thank him for a job well done.

In addition to Chief Heath, we would like to thank Skip Greemore and Charlie Duclos who served under Harry, and also retired this past year. They will always be remembered for their service to our community, and we hope their future endeavors are rewarding.

Also leaving the service of our town were Ollie Fifield, who served many years as our moderator, and Steve Cochrane our building inspector. Their shoes will be hard to fill, but we are confident their replacements will bring new enthusiasm and knowledge to the job. Welcome aboard to Wayne Mann and Jim Snyder.

Through the work of many people, several projects have been completed. The Town Hall has a new coat of paint, new windows and a sign, done with the help of Shaker Village. We have a new nature trail thanks to the efforts of several Belmont High School students and some newly established cross country trails due to the planning and labors of John Goegel, Barbara Cook, and Jan Briggs. Heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who worked on these projects for their time and effort.

This past year we also received a gift from the NHIS in the amount of \$15,000. These funds have been used to update the athletic field, basketball courts, and purchase ski equipment for the newly formed ski program. As requested by the Bahre family, their gift has been used for the enjoyment of our Canterbury youth. We would like to thank the Bahre family for their generosity and their interest in our community.

The revaluation of town property was completed, with very few problems. We feel it was a worthwhile endeavor and brought equity to taxable properties in town.

Some of the future projects facing the board, will be a study into the computer needs of our town. The board will consider the needs of all departments and the feasibility of meeting all our needs with updated equipment. We will also be addressing the needs of the newly revised recycling committee and working with Sherwood Forest regarding their association rules and regulations and their impact on our town.

The board would also like to thank the town employees, board members, and volunteers for their efforts over the past year. You have worked for the benefit of the town, and we want you to know your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Again we thank you.

Respectfully submitted:

John S. Pratt, Chairman  
Priscilla Lockwood  
Frank Tupper

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996**

		<b>DEBITS</b>			
		Levies of:			
		<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>Prior</b>
<b>Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year:</b>					
Property Taxes .....			\$270,101.41		
Resident Taxes .....					\$ 2,380.00
Land Use Change .....			2,290.00	1,380.00	350.00
Yield Taxes .....			3,090.67	3,821.58	7,830.08
<b>Taxes Committed - This Year:</b>					
Property Taxes .....			\$2,461,818.00		
Land Use Change .....			2,010.00		
Yield Taxes .....			17,479.28		
<b>Overpayment::</b>					
Property Taxes .....		8,516.60	390.45	79.91	
Interest Collected on					
Delinquent Tax .....		3,226.86	14,595.48		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b> .....		<u>\$2,493,050.74</u>	<u>\$290,468.01</u>	<u>\$5,281.49</u>	<u>\$10,560.08</u>
<b>CREDITS</b>					
		Levies of:			
		<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>Prior</b>
<b>Remitted to Treas. during FY:</b>					
Property Taxes .....		\$2,181,001.43	\$267,346.85		
Land Use Change .....		2,010.00		1,380.00	\$ 350.00
Yield Taxes .....		13,630.31	114.00		
Yield Tax Int. .....		72.57	16.02		
Interest .....		3,154.29	14,579.46		
Overpayments .....		8,516.60	390.45	79.91	
<b>Abatements Made:</b>					
Property Taxes .....		1,864.00			
Resident Taxes .....					2,380.00
Yield Taxes .....					7,830.08
Billing Adjustments .....			2,754.56		
<b>Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:</b>					
Property Taxes .....		278,952.57			
Land Use Change .....			2,290.00		
Yield Taxes .....		3,848.97	2,976.67		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....		<u>\$2,493,050.74</u>	<u>\$290,468.01</u>	<u>\$5,281.49</u>	<u>\$10,560.08</u>

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996**

## DEBITS

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:				
	1995	1994	1993	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.	.....			
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Yr.	.....	\$108,940.49		
Interest & Costs				
Coll. After Lien Execution	.....	5,158.87	7,498.08	4,236.75
Billing Adj.	.....	4,687.90	272.60	200.67
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	.....	<u><u>\$118,787.26</u></u>	<u><u>\$79,761.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$17,337.04</u></u>
CREDITS				
Redemptions	.....	\$ 40,675.18	\$28,439.55	\$6,899.35
Int./Costs (After Lien Execution)	.....	5,158.87	7,498.08	4,236.75
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	.....	564.94	5,863.22	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	.....	72,388.27	37,960.44	11,656.43
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	.....	<u><u>\$118,787.26</u></u>	<u><u>\$79,761.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,625.20</u></u>

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

### **Canterbury Cemetery Regulations**

1. All lot owners shall be governed by the rules of the Cemetery Trustees.
2. The cemetery Trustees shall be responsible for all cemetery affairs — revising rules and rates as conditions change.
3. The Maple Grove and Center Cemeteries shall be kept in such condition as to be a credit to the community. All outlying cemeteries to be mowed annually, or as needed.
4. All lots sold shall include Perpetual Care. Price at this time is \$150.00 per grave unit with \$100.00 of this amount for perpetual care.
5. Perpetual care shall mean the annual upkeep only. Initial grading, seeding, purchase of stone and stone maintenance shall be the responsibility of the lot owner.
6. A concrete vault or liner is required for all burials.
7. No monument or stone shall be erected until lot purchase is paid in full.
8. Only one upright memorial per two or more grave lots. Single grave markers and corner posts are to be flush with the grade.
9. No curbing, fencing, hedging, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot. The Trustees reserve the right to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.
10. No change of grade without the approval of the Trustees.
11. No lot owner shall erect or place or cause to be erected any memorial without prior approval of location from the Trustees.
12. All work done in the cemeteries shall be subject to approval of the Trustees.

13. No breakable containers to be used for plants or flowers.
14. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off highway recreational vehicles or horses shall be permitted in the cemetery.
15. The trustees shall keep all records as required by law.
16. The Trustees shall compile and have printed a list of rules and regulations and make them available to all interested parties.
17. The cemeteries will be closed from the time of the first snow until the spring thaw. No interments will be permitted during this time nor will the roads be plowed.
18. Lots to be sold to resident families only.
19. In case of hardship special consideration will be granted at the request of the Selectmen.

Virginia Dudley  
Hugh Fifield  
Charles Dubois

**Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 1996**

## **1996 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

The Canterbury Historical Society enjoyed another successful and active year in 1996. The Society organized a variety of programs and events, starting in the Spring with our customary evening programs. During the Spring these evening programs spanned a range of topics, including lectures on "Fortune Hunting and Family Ties", "Masters, Servants, and Slaves on the Northeastern Frontier" and a special program featuring the Canterbury Children's Ensemble directed by Jan Briggs. The Historical Society also offered these evening programs in the Fall. The programs are open to anyone who is interested and are held on the Fourth Monday in March, April, May, September, October and November at 7:30 pm in the Parish House. Please feel free to join us at any of the programs!

In addition to the evening programs put together by Steve Andriks, the several committees have also been very active and productive. The cemetery project was headed by Jen Kreis who fourwheeled into many less accessible places to catalogue the state of repair and inscriptions on gravestones in some of the small family cemeteries in Canterbury. The Historical Society is always looking for people who enjoy the great outdoors and want to do their part for our town's historical preservation. Visits to the cemeteries were announced in the Historical Society Newsletter and the Church Newsletter.

The Exhibits Committee consisting of Sandy Scripture, Jen Kreis and Ginger Laplante were active during the Spring preparing two impressive exhibits at the Elizabeth Houser Museum on Old Tilton Road. One exhibit featured Ladies Fineries and the other featured Wood. This year was the first year that the Museum was open every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 noon during the period between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. This was made possible in part by the time and energy donated by many of the Historical Society's members. The Society hopes to continue to open the museum every Saturday morning next season, when it will be featuring a new exhibit. The Society is proud to announce that during the Fair Day the Museum had a record number of visitors, doing justice to the hard work and creativity of the exhibit committee. We hope to see you all again next Fair Day!

The oral history project under direction of Ethel Scanlon also made great headway. The oral history project was started to

record the oral history of Canterbury. In order to record the oral history of Canterbury, “old timers” of Canterbury were contacted and asked if they were willing to be interviewed. Several people were gracious enough to let themselves be interviewed by Ethel, including a group who all went to the same one room school in Canterbury. As you can imagine these interviews provided a valuable resource for the preservation of the history of Canterbury.

1996 was also a special year for Grace Taylor and Pat Andrews; it was their last year on the Canterbury Historical Society Board of Directors. Grace and Pat are both long time members of the Historical Society who have donated a great deal of time and energy to the Society. Therefore a special “Thank You” is in order, and we hope to see them at many of our programs and events!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Shephard

## **1996 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT**

During 1996 the Historic District Commission held hearings and issued approvals for projects in the Center Historic District and the Shaker Historic District.

This year the commission worked jointly with the Planning Board on the possibility of creating a special Canterbury Center core district. The core district was intended to address the diverse needs particular to the town center, while maintaining the visual character of the center.

The Commission is currently involved in two ongoing concerns along roadsides in both districts: working with Shaker Village on changes to the new "Welcome to Canterbury Shaker Village" signs, to bring them more into the historic character of the Village; and consulting with the sidewalk committee about the possibility of a sidewalk from the center to the elementary school.

As always, the public is welcome to attend meetings and contribute ideas.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Lamb, Chairman

## **ELKINS LIBRARY 1996 REPORT**

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Elkins Library had its busiest year in 1996, circulation again growing, this year by 9%. This puts the number of books, tapes, and educational materials loaned at about 12,000; in 1989 circulation was about 7,000 items. Wednesdays' and Saturdays' increased hours have proved very worthwhile, as has the capacity with the computer to borrow books from area libraries. Interlibrary searches that used to take weeks are now accomplished in a matter of days.

Work on grading the lawn and widening the driveway following installation of the new septic system was completed in the spring. The results are gratifying. By this time next year the perennial garden should be in place, being planted in memory of Rita Braskie.

Again programs have been conducted to serve children and adults. The Wednesday story hour and the summer reading program both draw many youngsters. Last summer 47 children visited Mexico, Africa, Denmark, or Japan through stories, crafts, songs, games, and food. In August a party was held to celebrate the end of the reading program. Purley Gates performed for the children, singing songs of many countries. A grant from the NH State Library helped fund this event.

The library, with the NHIS Race Track, sponsored a performance by Brownie & Julie, children's singers, on the lawn during the Canterbury Fair. Children's programs include Children's Book Week during which the librarians visit Grades K - 2 at the elementary school, reading stories and passing out registration forms. At year's end comes the annual Christmas party with Santa (again, thank you Art Landry!) cookies and cider, and the making of ornaments.

Adult programs varied from Marlene Hall's April talk on vegetable gardening and May's evening with Jon Scanlon of Hops and Things on home brewing, to a presentation in November by Larry Crowe of Canterbury on "Making Your Memories Last," important information on the preservation of photographs. In addition, this year a family pass to the Museum of NH History was made available to the public.

The Canterbury Fair book sale was very successful, due in large part to great book donations and volunteer help. Many people have worked tirelessly for the library, deserving heartfelt appreciation for their efforts.

During the year we were sad to have Carol Landry and Sylvia Chamberlin leave the library staff . . . and were happy to welcome Eileen Daniels. Staff and volunteers are a great boon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Eddy, Chairman

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

**Total Circulation of materials: 13,190**

Adult Fiction	3,549
Adult Non-Fiction	856
Youth Fiction	5,016
Youth Non-Fiction	830
Audio Cassettes	883
Video Cassettes	1,807
Magazines	249

Materials Purchased in 1996

Adult Fiction	145
Adult Non-Fiction	54
Youth Fiction	201
Youth Non-Fiction	87
Audio Cassettes	28
Video Cassettes	62
Donations	141

Elkins Library has enjoyed another successful and busy year. We have welcomed over one hundred new patrons and doubled inter-library loan circulation. Many new videos have been added to the collection and circulation of the videos more than doubled. The Academic American Encyclopedia and the twelve volume set of Time Life Understanding Science and Nature was added to our reference collection.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the community volunteers who have assisted with programs, the book sale, donated materials and/or their time and energy performing tasks within the library.

Susan Holmes, Director

**ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Treasurer's Report — 1996**

**Expenses:**

Salaries	\$12,693.62
Social Security	1,051.50
Books/Periodicals/Videos	5,933.66
Equipment/Supplies	1,749.97
Repairs/Maintenance	2,099.90
Electric	758.84
Telephone	729.62
Oil	296.95
Postage	188.88
Dues/Education	504.00
Miscellaneous	205.19
Total Expenses	<u>\$26,212.15</u>

**Income: Balance on Hand**

	- 0 -
Town Appropriation	\$24,200.00
Interest	109.68
Subtotal derived from Town	<u>\$24,309.68</u>
Trust Fund	493.09
Book Fair	932.04
Fines	209.33
Copier	153.00
Reimbursements (Lost books, etc.)	351.51
Gifts and Donations	2,306.95
(\$2,000 Tasker Estate)	
Grants	- 0 -
Interest (non-Appropriation)	57.75
Total Income	<u>\$28,812.35</u>

**RITA BRASKIE MEMORIAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$2,014.24
Expenditure - Garden Bench	229.96
Final Balance	<u>\$1,784.28</u>

## **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT — 1996**

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Although I started my position as your Police Chief December 16, 1996, I have already met a lot of nice people who live in Canterbury. In the coming year I look forward to serving each and every one who is looking for assistance or who would just like to know about the Police Department.

I would like to emphasize that the Police Department is here for you and that we will respond to all your calls and needs in a professional and expedient manner. If the need arises that any one needs assistance from the Police Department I would ask that you give the dispatcher your numerical address and if you know it, the approximate mileage from the nearest intersection. It would also be a great assistance to have your house number at the end of your driveway on a post or Mailbox so that it can be seen from both directions. Until we are familiar with the area completely, we at the Police Department could use assistance from the public to get us to your location.

For your convenience the police station has a non-emergency number and answering machine. If you have a question and there is not an officer at the station at the time, an officer will check the machine when he comes in to the station and will return the call to you.

### **Police Department Phone Numbers**

Emergency 228-1010  
Non-Emergency 783-0433

**Chief Jeffrey Miller  
Canterbury Police Department**

## **REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY FIRE AND RESCUE**

Canterbury Fire & Rescue is a volunteer organization whose job it is to preserve life and property in the Town of Canterbury. To complete this mission we are trained and equipped to suppress residential and commercial structure fires. We maintain a rescue capability using the "Jaws of Life", air bags, and other extrication and stabilization aids. We fight brush, field, and forest fires, and address a full range of medical emergencies with our EMT's, paramedics, and First Responders. Medical emergency calls are an ever increasing part of our service to townspeople, as are off-the-road rescues involving skiers, snowmobiles, mountain bikers and hikers.

Our workload has increased dramatically in the past few years. Last year we responded to 152 "calls for service". Approximately 80% of these were medical emergencies which included vehicle accidents, heart related problems, broken bones, hypothermia, diabetic attacks, sunstroke, puncture wounds, and just plain feeling sick. We also responded to forest fires, gas spills, wires down and burning, chimney fires, off-road search-and-rescue, and several large structure fires in adjoining towns.

Eighteen members now volunteer their time to train, maintain equipment and respond to calls. However, during the daytime hours of the work week, the number of people able to respond to calls is limited. We have found that our strong Capital Area Mutual Aid agreement and other regional ties have enabled us to continue to deliver a high level of professional service to our town and our fellow citizens. We recognize that it is only a matter of time before we, as other towns around have done, are forced to place in service a full-time, paid department. Until that day, we rely totally on citizen volunteers. If you are interested in helping in emergencies; if you think it might be something you'd enjoy doing for yourself and others, please contact me.

Chief Dale Caswell

783-4663 (fax 783-4520)

## CANTERBURY FIRE & RESCUE RUN STATISTICS

Type of Call	Calls
Medical Aid	48
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29
Mutual Aid	10
Structure Fires	7
Outside Fires	11
Vehicle Fires	3
Alarm Activation	3
Service Calls	6
Wires Down	12
Smoke/Fire Investigations	<u>21</u>
Total	150

## **1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD**

In 1996, the efforts of the Canterbury Planning Board were directed toward a variety of planning activities. Residential subdivision activity was relatively quiet; the Planning Board approved four residential subdivisions in 1996.

Zoning ordinance amendments dominated Planning Board activity in the beginning and end of the year. At the 1996 Town Meeting, the Planning Board proposed, and the Town defeated, zoning amendments which would have created a Core District within the Center Historic District. The Town voted to accept technical changes to flood plain zoning requirements. The Town also voted to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects. For 1997, the Planning Board has proposed zoning amendments requiring fee simple access to fulfill frontage requirements and other technical changes to conform with recent changes in state law. As a result of efforts by the Industrial Development Committee, the Planning Board is proposing zoning amendments affecting the Industrial Zone.

In 1996, the Planning Board continued its efforts on the Master Plan update. The focus to date has been on issues such as capital improvements/community facilities, preservation of agricultural and conservation land, possible changes to the subdivision and site plan regulations, and updates to roadway and demographic data. New roadway and zoning maps will be included in the Master Plan update as a result of a contract with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning commission. The completion of the Master Plan update will be a major effort of the Planning Board in 1997. Any person interested in working on the Master Plan update is urged to contact a Planning Board member. The Planning Board took an active role in creating the Sidewalk Committee. The Committee was asked to work with the State and interested community members to evaluate the original project, as proposed at the 1996 Town Meeting, to construct a sidewalk from the Spruces to the Town Center. As a result of the Committee's efforts, a new proposal is expected to be presented at the 1997 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board meets at the Sam Lake House on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm. Its meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Persons who wish to submit applications to the Board or who otherwise would like to be on a meeting agenda should contact the Planning Board Clerk, Nancy Lilly. The Planning Board would like to thank Nancy for her continued work with the Board as well as all other residents who have volunteered their time on planning activities.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bassett, Chairman

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
1996 REVIEW**

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Appeal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1996-1	Susan Kennedy	Special Exception Individual Services Including Psychotherapy & Bodywork	Granted
1996-2	Ronald Corriveau	Special Exception Office & Showroom For Outdoor Sportsperson	Granted
1996-3	Paul & Darlene Johnson	Special Exception Home Business/ Best Septic Service	Denied
1996-4	Shirley Brown	Special Exception Porcelain Doll & Supply Shop	Granted
1996-5	Steve Allman	Special Exception Home Woodworking Shop	Granted
1996-6	Priscilla Lockwood	Special Exception Retail Shop For Books & Collectibles	Granted
1996-7	Richard Dragon	Special Exception Office & Storage For Firearms & Related Items	Granted
1996-8	Nathaniel & Mary Witschonke	Special Exception Addition To Dwelling In NNR Zone	Granted
1996-9	Douglas Titilah	Variance Front Setback	Withdrew Application
1996-10	Edwin "Ted" West	Variance Front Setback	Withdrew Application
1996-11	Sam Mahoney	Special Exception Commercial Campground	Denied

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The 1996 activities of the Conservation Commission were to meet the goals outlined in previous years. Many of these goals have been met through the generous efforts of the committee and alternate members and the many hours generously given by volunteers. I am very grateful for all their efforts. With their help, these accomplishments have been attained:

- the finalization of more land being protected that abuts Kimball Pond (see separate report).
- monitoring the completion of the Fish & Games Morrill Mill Pond acquisition and reconstruction of the dam there.
- the Riverland Ox-Bow Pond Trail System (with a grant from the N.E.I.W.P.C.C.).
- a start on the Kimball Pond Dam renovation.
- maintenance done on selected conservation areas.

The Commission extends thanks to those who have offered parcels of their land, either by easements or outright donations to the Commission in the effort to preserve more open space for all to enjoy. Special thanks are extended to two of our Commission members- Peter Hofman for his endless efforts in applying for and implementing the Riverland Trail grant and to Ken Stern for his expertise and persistence in finalizing the acquisition of the 19A parcel connecting the Kimball Pond conservation area. Pete and Ken gave many hours of their time to make the project all come together. The cooperation and understanding received from the Selectmen for our efforts to achieve this year's goals and the valuable knowledge in construction on the Kimball Pond and Riverland projects from Road Agent, Phil Stone, is greatly appreciated.

Again this year, the Commission will partially sponsor one student, between age 14 and 18, to attend the Youth Conservation Camp in June. The camp is sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Any interested Canterbury student who is interested on obtaining information on the conservation camp may contact Bob Fife by May 1st at 783-4416.

Robert S. Fife, Chairman  
Conservation Commission



## **REPORT OF LAND MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

1996 has been a very good year for land conservation in town. One project which has been going on for years has closed and a second very promising project has begun.

After many years of cooperation and diligence by neighbors and the Conservation Commission, the town has acquired the 19 acre parcel which abuts the back side of the Kimball Pond Conservation area bringing the total size to 41 acres. This land in the center of town which is seen by many on a daily basis has a small field, beaver pond, trail and forest which support a wide range of uses by townspeople and wildlife.

The potential development of this parcel for a dog kennel motivated neighbors to bond together and raise private funds which provided a 70% match to the Town's land conservation funds. Our thanks are extended to Judy Sharpe, Mark Stevens, Faith Berry and her family for their leadership in this project.

Another land conservation project has become active at a more remote area of town which is much larger and much less expensive. This land was recently sold at a bankruptcy auction. This 70 acre parcel is about a mile east from the end of Welch Road which becomes a main skimobile trail and crosses the land. The land has acreage on one large wetland to the north, Spender Meadow to the south and a beaver pond on the east. The conservation value of this property is greatly enhanced because it joins 5 isolated parcels of existing town owned conservation land. With acquisition of this parcel, there would be a 150 acre contiguous area of protected habitat in one of the town's best wildlife areas which had been identified as a conservation priority in 1988.

There have been several recent studies which confirm that land conservation actually lowers tax rates in comparison to residential development. If you are interested in recent local work on this topic please call Bob Fife or Ken Stern.

Our thanks are extended to the whole town for your continued support.

Ken Stern  
for the  
Land Management Commission

## **1996 REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Boscawen, New Hampshire 03303  
(603) 796-2129 • FAX 796-2121  
[cnhrpc@kear.tdsnet.com](mailto:cnhrpc@kear.tdsnet.com)

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 towns in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and the City of Concord. The Town of Canterbury is a member in good standing of the Commission.

Our mission is to improve, through education, training, and planning assistance, the ability of municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

During 1996 the Regional Planning Commission:

- went *on-line* (see e-mail address above);
- distributed the zoning amendment calendar to assist Towns with the amendment process;
- processed 13 applications for \$15,000,000 in special federal transportation projects, of which \$2,500,000 will be spent in Central NH communities;
- created and distributed a new publication - the *What's Up* newsletter;
- helped community representatives implement management plans for the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers;
- presented and sponsored educational programs on regulating the land application of sludge; using the planning related statutes; creating computerized tax maps; developing pocket parks; acquiring conservation lands; and successfully managing the impacts of major events/facilities (NH International Speedway);

- maintained the land use, transportation, and hydrological data in the regional Geographic Information System (GIS) and added data on conservation lands and historic sites;
- conducted about 100 traffic counts on state and local highways;
- amended the regional transportation plan; and
- assisted the Central New Hampshire Solid Waste District in closing out its operations.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including telephone consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; data and access to data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, GIS mapping, and grant preparation.

During 1996, our services in Canterbury included; providing information on traffic counts in Canterbury; providing Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality evaluation criteria; providing reference information on maps contained in the master plan; providing examples of capital improvement plans; providing information on recreation facilities; consulting on the industrial development potential of town-owned land and sources of information for industrial development; providing a copy of the Merrimack County Development Plan and explaining the purpose and use of the document; providing GIS information and services for updating the base map, creating a zoning map, and creating historic district inset maps; providing town economic development contacts from the Merrimack County area; consulting on the status of historic roads and the proper means of depicting roads on town maps; providing samples of campground regulations; and providing information on the local regulation of telecommunications towers.

For additional information, please contact CNHRPC staff.

## **UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — ANNUAL REPORT 1996**

Although the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) focused largely on its citizen volunteer water quality monitoring program, it was very active in a number of other issues in the upper Merrimack River watershed.

The UMRLAC consists of representatives from Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin and Northfield who represent a wide range of interests. This year, the Committee amended its bylaws to include the officer position of Treasurer and to allow for absentee voting. It also drafted and adopted its annual work-plan. This plan includes working with a representative from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. This representative is working with the Town of Canterbury to develop a model for upper Merrimack River communities to recognize and to adopt key actions of the UMRLAC's *Management and Implementation Plan* in their master plans and town or city ordinances. The Committee continues to monitor river-related activity in the legislature and maintains a presence in the local media. Several representatives have been chosen to present and speak at a number of conferences, educational institutions, and sports and recreational groups.

As part of its state established duties under RSA 483:8-a, the Committee reviewed and commented on several river related proposals including the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department's final phase proposal for the Sewall's Falls access area in Concord and the Riverlands conservation area project in Canterbury. The veteran's cemetery in Boscawen is slated for review by the Committee with a representative from the New Hampshire Department of Public Works in early 1997. Meetings have been lively and interesting with a variety of guest speakers including representatives from the Salem Conservation Commission and the NH Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroads and Public Transportation.

The Committee's Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP) made great strides in its second year. The Committee applied for and received a Local Involvement Grant from the Merrimack River Initiative. In its first year, the UMMP relied solely on loaned equipment. this grant enabled the Committee to purchase equipment and supplies for ongoing and independent

continuation of the Program. This funding also enabled the UMMP to be expanded from its initial seven sites from Franklin to Boscowen to a total of eleven sites extending to Garvin's Falls in Bow. UMMP volunteers sample water at each of the sites every other week for ten weeks every summer. Water samples are processed at no charge by the Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility. To collect more indepth water quality data, rock baskets are also placed at each site. These baskets are colonized by macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects) and removed in six to eight weeks. After volunteers' analysis, their quantity, health and diversity provides an accurate picture of the river's health. All data is collected and processed using an EPA-approved Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan. Franklin High School hosted identification sessions in the 1995/1996 season. In its second year, the UMMP looks forward to working with both Franklin High School and St. Paul's School so that more area volunteers may participate. This year the Program obtained customized maps detailing aspects of features and land use in its watershed. These maps are used in workshops and presentations at conferences, schools and other local groups. Work is ongoing with the Merrimack River Watershed Council to develop a study plan and fundraising strategy for the UMMP.

Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee plans for 1997 include continuation of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program. the Committee is actively pursuing additional funding sources for the maintenance and expansion of the Program. The Committee hopes to broaden its value as a community and educational tool. Utilizing river data and its broad base of volunteers, the Committee plans to develop a nonpoint source education program and to encourage Best Management Practices in the watershed. Additional projects include the creation of a communications package with brochures and other media to enhance water quality awareness and river stewardship.

The UMRLAC meetings are held on a rotating basis in the six represented communities. The Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. For meeting schedules and more information contact Michele Tremblay, chairperson, at 796-2615, email: mtrembla@kear.tdsnet.com or your local representatives listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele L. Tremblay  
Chairperson

Canterbury's Representatives:  
Steven Lowe  
Ann Clement

**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TOWN OF CANTERBURY**

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association continues to offer three major health services to the residents of Canterbury: Home Care, Hospice and Primary Care.

**Home Care services** respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes. Emphasis is on promoting independence and maximum functioning of the patient within the least restrictive setting.

**Hospice services** provide professional and para-professional services to the terminally ill patient with a limited life expectancy. The goal is to enhance the quality of the patient's remaining life by helping him/her to remain at home in comfort and dignity. Emphasis is on pain and symptom management and skilled intervention to meet the patient's special physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

In April of 1994 Hospice expanded its services to provide residential care with the opening of New Hampshire's first Hospice House. To date, this house has provided a home to approximately 158 terminally ill residents.

**Primary Care and Preventive Services** expanded from a health promotion and prevention focus to Family Health Center focus. The focus provides healthcare in a whole-life approach that means treating the individual from birth to senior adulthood. The Family Health Center services include family-centered medical care, preventive care, adult and senior health, child health, Baby's First Homecoming, immunizations for all ages, school linked clinics, parent education and support, Family Planning and Women's Health, obstetrical care, health education, nutritional counseling, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, Mental Health Services and Sexually Transmitted Disease testing and treatment.

The Family Health Center offers 24 hours/day, 7 days/week service including physician care, hospital admitting privileges, and

other care generally offered through a medical office setting. It is a joint initiative between Concord Hospital and Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association and it is an educational site for the NH/Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program. Primary care physicians (from Concord Hospital's new Family Practice Residency Program), graduate education medical students (residents), registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers and other staff provided primary care to more than 7,800 clients in FY 96.

**Health Promotion services** focus on the low and marginal income families and individuals to prevent illness by professional assessment and screening for health risks and needs, by early intervention to prevent, eliminate, or minimize the impact of illness and/or disability, and by anticipatory guidance and health teaching. Emphasis is on promoting healthy children, families and individuals through early intervention and health teaching. Services rendered in the clinic setting are: child health, prenatal, family planning, sexually transmitted disease, adult screening, immunizations, and HIV (AIDS) testing and counseling. Home visits are made in crisis situations or when needed health care cannot be given in the clinic. Senior health services are provided at congregate housing sites.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home visit or clinic visit.

Anyone in Canterbury may request service; patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. All requests are answered, but continuing home care will only be provided with a physician's order.

A call to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (224-4093) is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A nurse is on call for hospice and home care patients; (224-4093) 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 a.m. daily.

Federal regulations specify a charge is applicable to all visits. Fees are scaled for the individual without health insurance and/or who is unable to pay the full charge. However, to fee scale, fed-

eral regulations require a financial statement be completed by the patient or responsible person. Town monies subsidize those visits that are scaled or that no fee is collectible.

This agency is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Provider, licensed by the State of New Hampshire, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and is a member agency of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Total visits made during October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996:

	No. of Clients	Visits
Home Care/Hospice	45	807
Health Promotion/		
Family Health Center	<u>118</u>	<u>229</u>
Total	163	1,036

Services to children at Odyssey House  
23 Health Education Sessions  
14 Adult Bereavement Support Groups  
2 Children Bereavement Support Groups  
2 Hospice Volunteer Training Groups

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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The only portion of the Town of Canterbury which is zoned **Industrial** is a 65± acre site located on the west side of Interstate 93 at Exit 18. The site is irregular in shape and is accessed from West Road. The majority of the site is tree covered and the soils are well drained, suitable for development. The site is generally level at road grade and includes a ravine which runs east to west, separating the site into two sections of relatively equal size. A railroad right-of-way established the western property boundary. No siding is currently available; however, construction of a siding is possible. No public water or sewer is available to the site. Public electric and telephone are located on West Road. The Town purchased the site from the State in the 1960's. The State transferred the property for a nominal amount but conditioned the sale on the Town's agreement to use the property for industrial/commercial purposes. While various proposals for the use of the site have been considered over the years, the absence of a long-range development plan has restricted the development of the site and risks reactive rather than planned use of the resource. Given the long-term consequences of site development and its impact on the community's goals for land use, tax base and employment, development of a long-range plan is considered an essential first step in the development of the site.

Following a vote of the March 1996 Town Meeting, the Town Moderator appointed an eight member Industrial Development Committee, consisting of: Chance Anderson, Dan Crean, Judy Elliot, Earl Hall, Peter Hofman, Dwight Keeler, Jeff Leidinger (Chairman) and Bill Rice. The purpose of the Committee is to "enhance the development of the Town owned 'industrial land' located near Exit 18." To accomplish this mission, the Committee identified three objectives: (1) collect and analyze data regarding the capacity and the potential uses of the site; (2) recommend a long-range plan for the development of the site, including zoning changes, lot configuration, infra structure improvements, potential financing sources and marketing; and (3) research and recommend a structure for the administration and management of the development process.

In addressing the first objective, the Committee collected and re-

viewed various site data, including: reviewing the activities of previous committees; performing a site inspection; reviewing the physical characteristics of the site (size, topography, vegetative cover, soils, availability of utilities, etc.); computerizing the existing property survey; researching the existing rail line and access to the line; evaluating the different alternatives for providing water and sewer to the site, examining the impact of different road configurations and their impact on lot size and layout; and considering the phased development of the site. The Committee also considered the uses to which abutting properties are put to insure compatible use. Following the initial review, the Committee decided to limit its activities to the portion of the site located south of the ravine. This portion of the site consists of 23± acres and is the most accessible. Development of the northern portion of the site involves crossing the ravine, which is not considered financially feasible at this time, unless a specific user is identified.

Concurrent with the completion of the site review, the Committee surveyed communities throughout the region to better understand how they have approached similar development and the relative strengths and weaknesses of their respective approaches. A “supply and demand” study of industrial use land was prepared to ascertain the current supply of industrial use land in the area, the attributes of such sites, e.g., size, utilities, access to highways, etc. and the current demand for such properties. Included as part of this analysis is an assessment of the types of users which may be likely to require space and their typical site requirements. A further benefit of this study is to assess the prices paid for competing space, the amount of competing space (existing and proposed) and the typical assessed value of improvements constructed by various users. By developing a better understanding of the amount of competing space available in the region and current demand, site configurations and absorption projections were developed.

Based on the Committee’s research, two proposed zoning amendments have been submitted to the Planning Board. One proposes reducing the minimum lot size in the “Industrial” district from three to two acres, which recognizes that the site requirements of the typical user are two acres. The second amendment proposes commercial cluster development. The proposal cluster develop-

ment language mirrors the existing residential cluster development portion of the Zoning Ordinance and is designed to increase the flexibility of development, to enhance the potential for shared utilities and infrastructure, and to make best use of the site, while maintaining the same total amount of open space. Planning Board review and approval is required for cluster development.

Community residents, local businesses, State Economic Development officials and regional businesses are being surveyed to identify potential users and to develop a target market for the site. The Committee reviewed potential funding sources available to assist the Town with the development of the infrastructure and possible financing for businesses which want to construct facilities on the site. While the extent of such funding may be limited, the potential sources have been identified.

The Committee has proposed two Warrant Articles. The first changes the Committee's focus from industrial development to economic development, designed to be a general resource and point of contact for the Town, private property owners and businesses. The second appropriates funds to complete necessary surveying at the site to provide the basis for the Selectmen to enter into a boundary line adjustment with William Rice to increase the utility of the Town owned land located east of the Rice land. The article further authorizes the Selectmen to sell or lease lots within the Town-owned property, pursuant to a subdivision approved by the Planning Board.

The Committee finds there is an oversupply of industrial zoned land in the region and limited demand for such land. Given the level of competition among area towns for industrial users, the likelihood of attracting light industrial users to Canterbury's industrial district is considered limited. The Committee believes that initial development of the property by community or area businesses has the greatest potential; thereafter, regional or national users which compliment established businesses could be sought. The Committee does not recommend investing in subdivision of the site nor in constructing infrastructure until specific users have been identified and commitments obtained.

Submitted By: Jeff Leidinger for the  
Canterbury Industrial Development Committee

## **REPORT OF THE UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the federal government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the areas of Natural Resources and Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by a local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from state-wide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and Youth Development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office, located at the Merrimack County Nursing Home Complex, 327 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday - Friday, 8 am until 4:30 pm. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

## **1996 CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE REPORT**

Visitors from all over the world continue to find East Canterbury in record numbers. The official attendance total for the year was 71,933 people from all 50 states and 45 countries. This is a new record, surpassing the previous high of nearly 66,000 visitors.

The major building restoration event of the year was the reopening of the Laundry in September. Nearly 200 people attended the opening, which featured demonstrations of the restored laundry elevator and mangle, woodworking equipment and steam engine. The new leather belting for this equipment was donated by Concord's Page Belting Co., which supplied line shafting and belting for the Laundry around 1900.

Special events throughout the year were generally rewarded with fine weather and good attendance. Circus Smirkus, the Vermont based children's circus, returned in July for three performances instead of two in response to community demand. In spite of the arrival of Hurricane Bertha, the tent remained standing, and all performances were sold out. Canterbury community support also grew for the annual Village Halloween Party for the Town, thanks to Ellen Bassett, Beth Blair and their band of hard-working volunteers.

Throughout the year, generous supporters of the Village added to our growing collections of historically significant Shaker material. These included a Shaker doll in cloak and bonnet, a red Dorothy cloak made for a child, a rare set of botanical drawings by Sister Cora Helena Sarle, a table and blanket chest originally from the Dwelling House, and numerous other items which will contribute to future exhibits.

Additional artifacts were added to the collections through the work of the archeological field school directed by Dr. David Starbuck in June and July. The field school was part of a larger project to make improvements along Shaker Road. These included major drainage work, tree removal and replanting, pedestrian and vehicular circulation changes to enhance public safety, and stone wall restoration.

All of these positive developments described above are the result of efforts by Canterbury Shaker Village's supporters, staff and Board to contribute to the cultural well-being of our home town, state and nation.

Scott T. Swank, President  
Canterbury Shaker Village

## **1996 RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

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In the course of 1996, the Recycling Committee expended their energies in organizing existing activity at the Recycling Center. At the same time, a plan is being developed to increase our rate of recycling as a town and make the Recycling Center less expensive to operate. Presently the Town of Canterbury ships more than 620 tons of solid waste per year to the Penacook Incinerator at a cost of over \$30,000.

The goal of the Recycling Committee is to reduce the amount incinerated by 10%. This goal can be met with the implementation of several contributing factors:

- Establishing a textile recycling program.
- Building a structure to create a location for a swap shop.
- Managing our present recycling activities and realizing increased revenues from these commodities.
- Community composting - create an area to compost.

During 1997, the Committee will be investigating other options that will continue to reduce the monies expended by the Town for solid waste disposal. The most important part of our ability to reduce is education. An informational brochure will be created that will be distributed at the Recycling Center and in the school system.

These are realistic goals, that with the help of the residents of Canterbury, can be reached in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Cohen

## **HISTORY OF THE CANTERBURY TOWN HALL (Meeting House)**

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The charter for the Town of Canterbury was executed by John Wentworth, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief over the province of New Hampshire, on May 20, 1727. This document contained, among other things, several requirements that had to be fulfilled by the original proprietors in order for them to be able to keep the property deeded to them in the charter. First, within three years, seventy homes had to be built, with a family settled in each one. Also within this time frame, each home had to have at least three acres of land cleared for farming. Each proprietor, whether he settled in Canterbury or not, had to agree to pay his fair share of expenses for the new settlement as often as was necessary. Second, a meeting house for the public worship of God had to be built within four years. The third and fourth requirements dealt with the disposition of the land of any delinquent proprietor and also the reserving of some land for a school and a minister.

In May of 1731, a committee was chosen to arrange for the building of a meeting house, and in July of 1731, it was voted to leave the size of the building to this committee's discretion.

By a petition dated February 25, 1741-42, Samuel Adams and Thomas Young (agents for the proprietors) indicated to Governor Benning Wentworth that the inhabitants were doing fairly well and had constructed a meeting house. It is believed that the meeting house they referred to in this petition was a log structure that was located about one half of a mile south of the Center and was believed to have been used for worship from around 1736. In June of 1736, the sum of fifty pounds was approved to support a ministry until March of the following year. Much later, at the annual meeting held in 1744, the proprietors voted to build a fort with the funds originally intended for construction of a meeting house. At this time, they also voted to postpone the construction of the meeting house until the following year. The settlers were ap-

parently not too concerned with Indian hostilities prior to this time until the start of King George's War in 1744. During the various wars between the French and English during this period, marauding Indians on the side of the French caused the construction of a fort to become a priority. The next meeting to address the issue of the meeting house was held in 1750 at the residence of Captain Jeremiah Clough. This was not a regular annual meeting but it apparently spurred some action on the meeting house issue. In 1752, one hundred acres of common and undivided land of the proprietors was sold at auction to a James Lindsey for 320 pounds. These newly raised funds would be used for building the meeting house. The records show that the structure was not officially "accepted" until 1756. However, it is believed that the annual meeting of 1753 was held at this meeting house, now known as the Canterbury Town Hall. After "acceptance" of the meeting house, a committee was formed to lay out the "pew ground" and sell it at "public vendue". The sale took place at the home of Samuel Moore and each purchaser had to construct his own pew in a workmanlike manner within 2 years. The funds from this sale of "pew ground" were used to complete the inside detail work of the structure, which included a pulpit, a parsonage pew and other interior finishing.

The meeting house we now know as the Town Hall still stands as the only public structure from our town's colonization period. It is a treasured historical reminder of the struggles endured by the pioneers of this land. Looking forward, we can only hope that future generations of residents will continue to respect and preserve this wonderful reminder of our modest beginnings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Vegter-Shephard  
President  
Canterbury Historical Society

(The source for this report was Lyford's History of The Town of Canterbury, first published in 1912.)

# Vital Statistics

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
12/28/95	Concord	Jaimie Elizabeth Puckett	Steven Martin Puckett	Elizabeth Ann Smith
1/28/96	Canterbury	Ellen Louise Lockwood	William Briggs Lockwood	Laurie Ellen Chrysostom
2/1/96	Concord	Joseph Glendon Boles	James Edward Boles	Elizabeth Ann Hice
4/30/96	Concord	Nicholas Ryan Schott	Robert Christopher Schott	Susan Jean Manekas
5/13/96	Concord	Isabella Mae Lockwood	Brian Arthur Lockwood	Julie Dolores Fifield
5/15/96	Concord	Megan Marie Bailey	Don Walter Bailey, Jr.	Jeanne Marie Tonkin
5/23/96	Concord	Emalee Mae Klebbe	Bernhard Klebbe	Jennifer Jayne Ricker
5/27/96	Concord	Colby David Denison	Robert Dennis Denison	Jane Lorraine Vallee
6/7/96	Concord	Katherine Gabrielle Trudel	William Charles Trudel	Linda Lacroix
6/15/96	New London	Lillian Kate Johnson	Michael Thomas Johnson	Susan Lisa Alfin
6/27/96	Manchester	Kyle Christopher Alessandro	George Albert Brown, Jr.	Marta Anna Lucia Modigliani
		Amedeo Brown	Jack Ralph Farhi	Deborah Ann Breining
9/2/96	Franklin	Joshua Eric Farhi	George Anthony Karam	Denise Leanne Shuman
9/17/96	Laconia	Stephanie Lynn Karam	Lawrence Robert Crowe	Kimberly Lynn Walker
10/24/96	Laconia	Kelley Lyn Crowe	G. Frederick Zeller III	Lucyann Lockwood
10/25/96	Concord	Zoe Millis Zeller		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE  
TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Residence
3/23/96	Bernhard Klebbe Jennifer Jayne Anderson	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
5/18/96	Brent Allan Minery Beth Ann Rachdorf	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
6/29/96	James Herbert Miller Donna Lynn Grusell	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
7/6/96	Benjamin Graves McGraw Katherine Drexler O'Reilly	Roslindale, MA Roslindale, MA
7/20/96	Ryan Justin Donahue Tammi Lee Heath	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
8/3/96	Thomas Jay Philbrick Aileen Meta Halm	Concord, NH Canterbury, NH
8/10/96	Zachary Cosmo Davis Christine Jennifer Bois	Orlando, FL Canterbury, NH
8/17/96	Kevin Michael Hunt Margaret Mary Downing	Canterbury, NH Concord, NH
8/22/96	Arthur L. Gilbert, Jr. Paula K. Styles	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
8/22/96	Thomas Henry Kuhner Margaret Brooks Upton	Sanbornton, NH Canterbury, NH
10/31/96	Edward Charles Martin Debbie Lynn Martin	Canterbury, NH Concord, NH
11/2/96	Richard James Merrill, Jr. Rona Marie Merrill	Hillsboro, NH Canterbury, NH

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CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1/2/96	Concord	Edith B. Decatur	Jessie F. Barnaby II	Dorothy Speer
1/20/96	Concord	Leonard J. Mordarski	Jacob Mordarski	Stephanie Novakowski
1/20/96	Concord	Howard Clarence Small	David Small	Jennie McGlynn
2/11/96	Canterbury	Bernadetta D. Burke	Fred Jordan	Mary Belouin
3/21/96	Boscawen	William A. Meeh	Elmer A. Meeh	Elizabeth Smith
6/21/96	Canterbury	Raymond Ozem Fife	Philander Fife	Sadie Aldrich
8/21/96	Canterbury	Carol A. Dodge	Karl A. Dodge	Barbara Mawhinney
9/24/96	Concord	Grant E. Houle	Joseph Houle	Albina Cinott
11/1/96	Manchester	Richard Leslie Crowley	Carl Crowley	Grace Dawson

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